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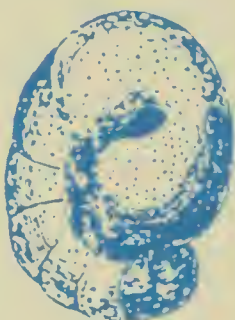




The Museum of Natural History at the University of Illinois has served students and visitors since its beginning in the 1870s. Its displays and excellent research collections have been developed to support its role as a teaching museum.



The main display halls are on the third and fourth floors, with additional displays located in the corridors. A changing special exhibit, featuring some aspect of the Museum's interests, is often in place in the third floor gallery. Nearby is the *Living Room*, an interactive display for children of all ages.



Special collections are housed in the Museum. Many papers of the great geneticist Gregor Mendel are here. Some of the anthropological items on the fourth floor are from the Herbert S. Zimm Collection. Outstanding research collections include amphibians and reptiles from Central America, mammals from the arid Southwest, and shells from all parts of the world.

**The Museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, except official University holidays.** Appointments for groups should be made in advance by calling 217-333-2517. Because classrooms and research laboratories are adjacent to many display areas, visitors are asked to be as quiet as possible at all times. Smoking and radios are not permitted. Admission is free.

## Anthropology

Various cultures, mostly North American, are portrayed on the fourth floor through clothing, tools, hunting gear, pottery and baskets. Especially noteworthy are *Ancient Midwestern Lifeways*, focusing on prehistoric Indians of Illinois, and displays on Southwestern Indians and natives of Greenland and Papua New Guinea.



## Botany

Flowering and non-flowering plants are displayed on the second floor. The relationships of the major groups of plants are explained pictorially. Dioramas depict most of the common mushrooms of the central United States.



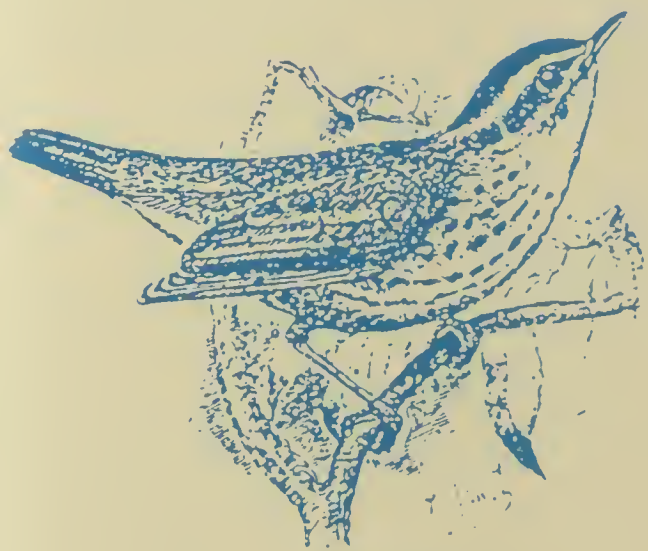


## Geology and Paleontology

Fossil plants and animals are arranged in the fourth floor gallery to reflect Earth's history. Minerals, rocks and geological structures of the earth's crust can be seen on the second floor, along with two dioramas of animals of the past.

## Zoology

Specimens of animals, both vertebrate and invertebrate, are displayed in the third floor gallery; the arrangement of the display emphasizes increasing complexity. All species of Illinois birds are displayed in the second floor corridor and the Hall of Birds.



## Research

Nationally-ranked research collections used for advanced scientific study hold about 420,000 specimens. These are stored in special cases in the Museum research rooms. These may only be seen on special request to the Director.

## Museum Shop

Located at the entrance to the third floor gallery, the *Museum Shop* carries a wide selection of natural history items, books and ethnic crafts and jewelry.

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Urbana, Illinois 61801

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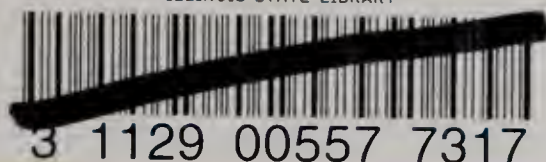
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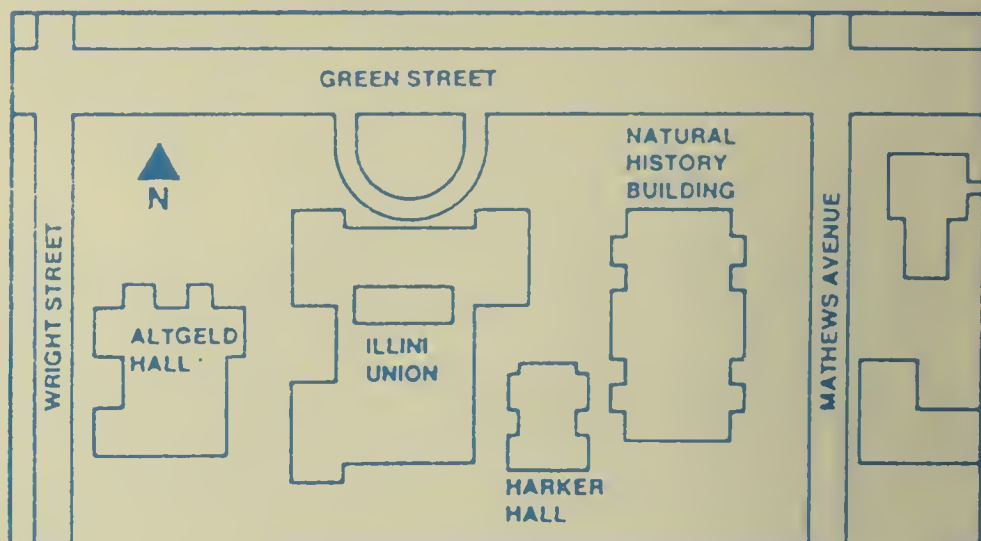
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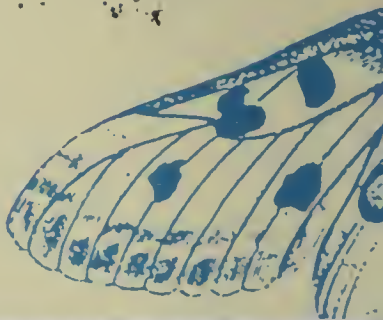


The Museum of Natural History is in the Natural History Building at 1301 West Green Street, Urbana, on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, between the Illini Union and Wesley First Methodist Church.



When coming from out of town, exit Interstate 74 at Lincoln Avenue, go south to Green Street, then go west on Green Street to Mathews Avenue.

Metered parking is available on Mathews Avenue and in front of the Natural History Building. Metered parking is also available in a municipal lot near the corner of Green and Sixth Streets, just west of the Museum in Champaign; and beneath Krannert Center for the Performing Arts (enter the lower level ramp from Illinois Street). Parking is free Sundays.



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